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I understand you will be ruling on multicast must carry rights in the new future. As a General Manager of 15 years I am a veteran of many Cable negotiations. It took two years to secure a channel position for our Binghamton UPN affiliate on Time Warner. This was a station which at the time carried local News and sports as well as a full programming schedule. WBPN now carries the Binghamton Senators Hockey, New York Yankees Baseball, High School Football and Basketball shows. In 2005 we provided viewers with debates for the Binghamton Mayoral debates. (More are planned in 2006).

I urge you to support the carriage of all broadcast's digital channels. Full must carry is the only way to insure this broadcast localism.

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